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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN CONLAN'S LIST OF ROMANIAN CITIZENS
ALLEGEDLY PERSECUTED FOR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE WHITE HOUSE WHETHER A LIST OF ROMANIAN CITIZENS ALLEGEDLY BEING PERSECUTED FOR THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, GIVEN TO PRESIDENT FORD BY CONGRESSMAN JOHN B. CONLAN PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO ROMANIA LAST SUMMER, WAS IN FACT EVER TRANSMITTED TO THE ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES. THE LIST WAS SUBJECT OF OCTOBER 1, 1975 LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR TO GENERAL SCOWCROFT, AND ALSO OF A NOVEMBER 14, 1975 SPRINGSTEEN-SCOWCROFT MEMORANDUM, A COPY OF WHICH WAS POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY.

2. WE ASSUME THAT THE LIST WAS NOT GIVEN TO THE ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES. PLEASE CONFIRM.

3. WE PROPOSE TO EXPLAIN THAT THE LIST WAS NOT TURNED OVER TO THE ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES BECAUSE EMBASSY LACKED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSONS LISTED TO

DETERMINE WHETHER IT WOULD BE IN THEIR BEST INTEREST FOR
US TO APPROACH THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT ON THEIR BEHALF.
WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT WE CAN AND DO INTERVENE ON BEHALF

OF AMERICAN CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS WITH
RELATIVES IN ROMANIA WHO ARE SEEKING TO EMIGRATE TO THE
UNITED STATES. WE WILL ALSO STRESS THAT AS OTHER
GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING GOR, REGARD THEIR RELATIONS
WITH THEIR OWN CITIZENS AS DOMESTIC AFFAIRS IN WHICH
OTHER GOVERNMENTS SHOULD NOT INTERVENE AND WE ARE,
THEREFORE, RELUCTANT TO APPROACH THE ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES
ON BEHALF OF INDIVIDUAL ROMANIAN CITIZENS UNLESS WE ARE
CLEARLY PERSUADED THAT SUCH AN APPROACH WILL BE HELPFUL
TO INDIVIDUAL ROMANIANS CONCERNED.

4. APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THESE POINTS AND ANY
OBSERVATIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ON HANDLING OF THE CONLAN
LIST. KISSINGER

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